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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Yoshinori NAKAYAMA et al.  
Serial No.: 09/818,903  
Filed: March 28, 2001  
For: SCHEDULE RETRIEVAL METHOD FOR CONTROLLING  
SCHEDULES AND SCHEDULE SERVER APPARATUS WITH  
MULTISTAGEOUS IDLE-TIME RETRIEVAL MEANS  
Group: 3628  
Examiner: Nga Nguyen

**SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 16, 2005

Sir:

Before examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified  
application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.